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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: LightSquared, DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340;  
RM-11683, Reply Period

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I wrote to your agency during the initial public comment period to encourage you to approve LightSquared's pending License Modification Application. As I told you in that letter, I practice law in Lexington, Kentucky. My law practice is primarily of a commercial and business nature, and I travel around Kentucky frequently, meeting with small business owners and other clients around the state.

I now write during the Reply Period, because I was particularly impressed by the following excerpt from comments made by the Competitive Carriers' Association, a trade group of independent wireless carriers:

"Given CCA's members' current need for usable spectrum, the wholesale capacity, as LightSquared has indicated will be offered on its network, represents a potential alternative pathway to 4G, particularly for competitive carriers seeking a nationwide footprint and enhanced speeds, but facing additional, well-documented challenges in deploying their own 4G networks. Such wholesale capacity, which LightSquared has indicated it will make available at rates lower than current prevailing rates, also promises to provide another way for smaller carriers to offer high-speed service capable of competing with the nation's two largest wireless providers."

This assessment of LightSquared's operations by a group of the very independent retailers who will sell its services suggests that a ready market will exist for LightSquared's service, and that it will be the only type of service that can help rural Kentucky, which has long suffered under a burden of a poor communications infrastructure.

As the CCA points out, and as I suggested earlier, the new 4G network proposed by LightSquared can add good cell phone and wireless broadband service to that infrastructure. That would be a huge gain to large areas of our state, and particularly those in the mountains in Eastern Kentucky, an area traditionally underserved by all forms of technology. Therefore, I strongly urge the FCC to grant LightSquared the license modification it has requested. Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,

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